

Happy New Year

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GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER EVERY RAILROAD IN THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON—The President last night took over every railway in the United States and appointed Wm. G. McAdoo Director General.

WASHINGTON—Secretary of War Baker announced that General Tasker H. Bliss, though eligible for retirement January 1 would be retained as chief of staff.

LONDON—Thirteen vessels sunk during week ending Wednesday.

PETROGRAD—Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister at the session of the peace conference at Brast Litovsk Tuesday read a statement to the effect that the Central Powers, agreed to conclude immediately general peace without forcible annexations or indemnities. The Central Powers he told the peace conference, solemnly declare their resolve to immediately sign terms which will terminate the war on conditions equally just to all belligerents.

PERSHING'S HEADQUARTERS—German airmen tried to bomb the American camp last night, but were beaten off.

PETROGRAD—The Ukrainian Rada today announced the capture on the Rumanian front of the staff headquarters of the Fourth and Eighth armies. The Maximalist forces were disarmed. The headquarters of the Eleventh Army has also been occupied.

LONDON—Admiral Weymes has been appointed first sea lord to succeed Jellicoe long under criticism because of the impunity with which the Germans carry on North Sea raids.

ZURICH—A dispatch says that three hundred German socialists were jailed on Christmas eve.

WASHINGTON—Crane of the American mission to Russia asserted today that the Bolshevik government cannot long survive.

SEATTLE—Disbarment proceedings have been filed against Mayor Gill in connection with his firm's entanglements with the Merchant's Protective association by the State board of examiners.

SEATTLE—Gill announces that he will file for mayor as a result of the disbarment proceedings.

WASHINGTON—Eleven Austro-German aeroplanes brought down by British and Italians in a big aerial battle which developed when the Teutons made an unsuccessful attempt to bomb Treviso.

LONDON—The King has set January 6 as a day for National prayer for the Allied cause.

The Sentinel received Christmas greetings from Sharon, Pa., from George H. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes evidently expect to return to the Coast very shortly after the new year, as Mr. Barnes gives his address as 222 Coleman building, Seattle.

Andrew Richard Hanson this week received a certificate of membership in the American Defense Society. The slogan of the society is "Serve at the Front or Serve at Home."

Arthur B. McLaughlin, who was cannery foreman at Lake Bay last season, has enlisted and is now in Company C, Fourth Engineers, Vancouver, Wash. He expects to leave for France in the near future.

The Sentinel deeply regrets to state that the holidays found Mrs. Wm. G. Thomas quite ill. Judge Thomas has been out of the house only a few times during the past two weeks.

Adolph Engstrom, Jr., a late arrival from Wrangell and formerly of Seattle, has accepted a position as clerk in the store of J. W. Martin Co. He has the appearance of a live one.—Douglas Island News.

Mrs. T. J. Case and Otto Klose returned on the Jefferson Sunday evening from a sojourn of several weeks on the Sound.

Mrs. A. E. Britain of Hump-tulps, Wash., arrived on the Jefferson Sunday evening. She will leave on the Uncle Dan for Craig where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Elliot.

Among those who are spending the holidays in Wrangell are Chas. Darwell and his pile-driver crew composed of Collis Green, Charles Wheaton, Chas. Olson, Darby Choquette, G. V. Carson, Pete McGregor, Fred Amundsen, Tom Lloyd.

Christmas Exercises at the Presbyterian Church

The Christmas exercises at the Presbyterian church occurred Monday evening. Although sickness had greatly interfered with the rehearsals a creditable program was rendered.

Instead of giving presents this year the church decided to make an offering for the benefit of the soldiers in France, the offering to be handled through the Red Cross. However, at the conclusion of the program oranges, apples, and candy were passed out. The decorations were beautiful, the National colors predominating. The collection made for the Red Cross amounted to \$16.75. The program was as follows:

Song of Adoration—By the Young People's class.

Prayer.

Song—Bells of Christmas, by the Young People's Class.

Christmas Greetings—Nellie Nagel.

Song—Through the Golden Light.

Recitation—Christmastide, by Katherine Matheson, Nellie Prescott, and Laura Roaming.

Primary Hymn—Little Bells of Christmas.

Song—Wrapped in Sleep, by the Young People's Class.

The Coming of Christ—By Gladys Tamaree, Harold Ottosen, Glenn Matheson, Linnie Engstrom, and Etolin Coulter.

Song—Who is this Jesus? by the Young People's Class.

Primary Song—Christmas is with us again.

Recitation—Gertrude Goodrich and Margaret Ottosen.

Song—The Son of God's Love, by the Young People's Class.

Recitation—Mary Williams and Weston Anderson.

Song—Hushed the Children Lie in Slumber.

Offering for the Red Cross society.

Treat for the Sunday school.

The Petersburg Moose lodge has elected the following officers for the coming term:

Dictator, Jack Ottness;

Past Dictator, Charles Greenas;

Vice Dictator, Thomas Lando;

Prelate, George Nicholson;

Secretary, William Gribble;

Treasurer, K. L. Steberg;

Trustees; Erick Ness, H. A. Anderson, Ed. Remmen.

A los mejicanos de Wrangell: El Sr. Director de "The Wrangell Sentinel" tiene el honor de desear a Uds. muchas felicidades en el año nuevo.

The Petersburg school entertainment Saturday night drew a large attendance. Receipt from admissions were \$100. The money will be used in paying for membership of the school children in the Junior Red Cross.—Petersburg Report.

Ole Hansen, a former resident of Wrangell, now residing at Petersburg, made a trip to Wrangell in his gasboat last week to attend the Moose potlatch.

John Otness and Miss Ragna Husvick were married in Petersburg last week at the home of the groom's brother, Mayor Jacob Otness.

RED + CROSS NOTES

Members of the Red Cross are asked to meet in the town hall on Friday of this week at 2 o'clock to arrange for sandwiches for the New Year's Dance. Please try to come at 2 as the hall is used later for sewing.

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive committee will be postponed from Tuesday evening, January 1, to Friday evening, January 4, at 8 o'clock.

SCHOOL NOTES

Mr. Sinclair sent to the school on Friday last a box of oranges and a box of apples with a Merry Christmas to all the pupils.

The school is closed for a two week's vacation. Work will be resumed on Monday, January 7. The attendance during the past few weeks has not been good on account of the epidemic of cold and sore throat. It is hoped that this will be over with by the close of the vacation and that there will be a full attendance.

Presbyterian Church.

December 30, at 7:30 p. m. Subject: The Value of Genesis. Its relation to the Bible.

Our relation to the Creator, Originally, Now, and Hereafter. Text: Col. 1:12-19.

Come and let us study this subject. It is vital.

Ernest and Leonard Campbell, who left Wrangell a few weeks ago for the purpose of enlisting, are now both in uniform. Ernest Campbell has enlisted in the Navy and is stationed at Bremerton. Leonard Campbell has enlisted in the Regular army and is now in the Quartermaster's department at Fort Lawton, Wash. The brothers enlisted at about the same time and in two days' time neither knew the whereabouts of the other.

Louis Schott, superintendent of the A. P. A. cannery at Wrangell, who is spending the winter in San Francisco, has sent Mr. J. G. Grant a box of horns requesting that he distribute them among the small boys of the town to be used for blowing out the old year and blowing in the new year. Mr. Grant states that the horns will be distributed at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

STATEMENT

Wrangell, Alaska, Dec. 21, 1917.

Mrs. F. E. Bronson, Chairman Wrangell Chapter of American Red Cross.

Madame:

Any report in circulation in Wrangell to the effect that I know of the sale to private parties or to anyone of work done under the Red Cross is false. I do not know of any such sale, and have never made such statement. Please have this denial published in the Wrangell Sentinel.

MRS. G. C. CLARK.

Christmas Exercises at St. Philip's Church

The Christmas exercises at St. Philip's church were well attended. The decorations were very pretty and a splendid program was gone through with. A large number of presents were distributed. The program was as follows:

7:30 p. m.—Sunday School exercises—Recitations by Erma Grant, Marjory Johnson, Carl Palmer, Hector Habkirk, Gertrude Carlstrom, Helen Fletcher, Merle Davis, Solomon Shakana, Herbert Bradley, and Ralph Davis.

PLAY—Christmas Beyond the Trenches.

Pierre—Will Habkirk

Gratiano—Robert Edmunson

Ivan—John Grant, Jr.

Cecilia—Ruth Tucker

Hilda—Margaret Northrop

Uncle Sam—John Osborn

Miss Columbia Dorothy Johnson

Jack, the American Boy—

Edward Lottus

Distribution of presents and prizes.

Daniel Kelleher, director for the State of Washington and Alaska, for the sale of War Savings stamps, has appointed F. Matheson, chairman for the Wrangell district. Mr. Kelleher also states that he has appointed all the banks in Alaska agents for the sale of War Saving stamps. He says:

"The banks are supposed to have on hand War Savings stamps for sale to the general customers, and you as local chairman are expected from a patriotic standpoint to take charge of the Wrangell district and encourage the sale of War Savings stamps as much as possible to the general public in your community. The literature has hardly commenced to come out here yet. The method of distribution will be for it to be sent from Washington to me, and I will distribute it throughout Alaska through the local chairmen up there."

The food conservation committee earnestly requests that those who signed the food pledges make out their weekly report cards on Friday evening and have them ready when the collectors call for them. The school children who collect these cards give their service gratuitously and it is too much to ask them to make a number of trips for one card. The people of Wrangell have gone in for food conservation in earnest, but unless the cards are collected regularly it will be impossible to keep a record of what is being accomplished, in which case Wrangell can not receive credit for the good work she is doing. Let every person who has signed the pledge consider it as much a patriotic duty to fill out the report cards as it is to observe meatless days.

The Myrtle H., the gasboat owned by Wm. Lewis, which took the Uncle Dan's run to the West Coast last week did not return on schedule time. She is reported to have gone on the beach near Craig. Particulars are lacking.

IMPORTANT MOOSE EVENT

One of the largest fraternal gatherings ever seen in Wrangell occurred last Friday evening in the Redmen's hall, the occasion being an official visit from Deputy Supreme Dictator Ernest H. Blue. Between 75 and 100 Moose were present including more than 20 visiting members from Petersburg.

The Deputy Supreme Dictator congratulated the Wrangell lodge on having doubled its membership during the past year. The lodge now has more than 100 members.

Four candidates were initiated the ceremonial work being exemplified by the Deputy. The candidates initiated were S. A. Shepard, C. C. Mundy, Oliver Nichols, James Lovett.

Following the lodge session there was a card party at which Moose and their ladies were present. Progressive whist was the game for the evening and twelve tables were kept busy. Prizes were awarded as follows: ladies' first prize, Mrs. A. Ralph Hall; ladies' consolation, Mrs. A. K. Rastad; men's first prize, F. B. Leonard; men's consolation, W. H. Bitters.

As soon as the card game was over the guests were invited down stairs for dancing. During the evening a bountiful lunch was served. It was between 2 and 3 a. m. when dancing ceased.

The local Moose were greatly pleased at having their Petersburg friends present, although they regretted that more of them could not have come. It was also regretted that Dr. and Mrs. Pigg were unable to be present as had been planned. The Petersburg Moose and their ladies made the trip on S. L. Hogue's gasboat "Americ." The party included the following:

Mr. and Mrs. A. Myklebust, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wick, Misses Agnes Hofstad, Laura Lambson, D. Bustingier, Messrs. S. J. Klabo, S. Danielson, Andrew Johnson, Forolph Hadland, John Mjorud, John Lund, Wm. Stedman, Hardy Hofstad, Ole Husvig, Hans Hansen, Christ Sand, Chas. Greenas, Gabe Sather.

This year the Salvation army was a great factor in the local Christmas festivities. The Army Santa Claus with his long white whiskers and cargo of Christmas gifts was on the streets Saturday afternoon with a dog team rounding up the youngsters. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the distribution of presents begun in the barracks and more than 100 children were made happy by gifts from Santa Claus. On Christmas day Santa Claus spent the forenoon visiting the homes of children who were sick and had been unable to come to the barracks. Christmas cheer was also carried into the jail on Christmas day. Adjutant Habkirk is unceasing in his good works among both the whites and natives.

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CULINARY SCIENCE.

"God gives food and the devil sends cooks," runs the old proverb. Just at present there is an extraordinary demand for both, with the supply of food, short as it is, a little bit ahead of the cooking brigade. Our sudden plunge into unaccustomed depths of military activities has brought us face to face with the fact that we have not paid sufficient attention to the development of skilled cooks, says Omaha Bee. Painful and costly experience has shown us our deficiency in this regard, and the great importance of supplying the need. Food of any kind is too precious to be entrusted to the ministrations of an amateur whose experiments may or may not result happily; therefore, it is proposed by a boniface of prophetic vision that a chair of culinary science be established in our universities. It is not sufficient that the domestic science course be continued. What is needed is something broader and deeper, cooks not planned to turn out patties and puddings or any of the various other fanciful creations that fill the dreams of a cordon blue, but men and women of good judgment who can take a haunch of beef, a carcass of mutton or a side of pork and bring it from the cleansing and purifying fires fit for human consumption, meantime giving needed attention to the spuds and other excellent vegetables required to garnish the board whereon the meat is served.

A Chicago automobilist has addressed a letter to the mayor of that city suggesting that an ordinance prohibiting the use of horses on the streets would be in keeping with the spirit of the age. He declares that Berlin already has adopted a regulation of this character and that similar legislation is under contemplation in London and Paris. The horse, he adds, soils the streets, and where horses are housed property depreciates in value. He might have added that the diminished use of horses has done more than "swatting" toward banishing the plague of flies. How rapidly the modern world is whirling in the grooves of change! Who would have thought of the possibility of horseless cities 20 years ago?

A great scientific man, Metchnikoff, was responsible for a widespread fad—the drinking of sour milk. His theory was that the bacteria that caused the milk to sour could drive the harmful bacteria out of the intestinal canal. He got the idea from his belief that the Bulgarians, who are large consumers of sour milk, are particularly long lived. But American missionaries with good opportunities for observation have reported that while the hard, outdoor life makes the Bulgarian peasant appear old, he is not long lived. At the age of sixty he may seem to be ninety. But he isn't. So far as scientific investigation has gone it has not indicated any beneficial change of bacteria from the drinking of sour milk.

The Chicago Bulletin gives advice which is of especial value with butchers' stock at present prices. Fresh meats, it says, should not be left in the paper that is about them when they are delivered, as it absorbs the juices. The paper should be removed and the meat placed in a dish after being wiped with a clean cloth that has been wrung out in cold water.

Coal is to come down and wheat gambling has been stepped. It is an ill wind which blows good to nobody and the war has demonstrated that the public can be protected. The further moral of the occasion is that what the government has done in so protecting the ultimate consumer the government can do again.

The exemption of medical students from military service, according to the protests of physicians all over the country, is a wise measure in the line of national defense. There are men enough in the country to fight in the ranks without taking those vitally necessary in other ways to the welfare of the nation.

CAREER FOR BOYS.

After the war the world will face the no less gigantic task of reconstruction. The ravages of war must be repaired or restored, and the world's industry and trade started up again. And this must be done with less available labor and much less available skill. Take engineering, for example, which will be especially essential. The war has called the engineers of the world into the conflict, and the hazardous nature of their work has caused heavy losses. There is a thought in this that should be considered by parents and by boys about to make the choice of a career, says Pittsburgh Dispatch. The engineering schools abroad have largely been shut down for lack of students and instructors drawn into the armies. In the immense task of rebuilding, Europe will look to America for engineers, and here at home there will be unprecedented possibilities for engineering talent. It is probably no exaggeration to say that few, if any, occupations will offer such prospects to the boy of today as engineering will after the war. This is a profession that should specially appeal to the boys of America, where, because of our great industries, technical education is coming to be more and more appreciated.

President Wilson, as president of the American Red Cross, asks the children of this country to join the Junior Red Cross, so that each child in the United States can do his bit for America. Under this suggestion doubtless a junior unit will be organized in every school in the country, and the children will be rapidly brought to the point of contributing by their offerings and their efforts to the successful prosecution of the greatest humanitarian work ever undertaken, the alleviation of the sufferings of vast multitudes of people, soldiers and civilians, victims of the cruel war. It is important that every child should be enrolled, to form the great junior army of succor and relief. In this way they will be gaining in citizenship through service.

We've got the men, we're going to get the ships, and we've got the money too. It takes a great deal of money in this age to conduct an effective war. The United States now possesses two billions of gold, a greater amount of the precious metal than has been held by any other nation in the history of the world. This is only a detail, but it is an important one. Taken in connection with the moral element in the struggle it is bound to count for a great deal.

An Indiana farmer this year planted ten acres of sunflowers, which he raises for the seed, the latter being useful as an article of food. There's 28 per cent of protein content in sunflower seed, and it is 80 per cent digestible. A high authority declares that sunflower seed is twice as nutritious as pork. Perhaps there will be people who will take advantage of this suggestion and make their war gardens next year subserve the purpose of decoration as well as utility.

Once more the assertion is made with confidence by high scientific authority in England that the war plays no part in producing the present heavy rains. Indeed there is declared to be no reason for attributing to artillery fire an influence on the weather. Descending to particulars, it is affirmed that no air waves have been sent any noticeable distances by artillery battles in this war.

A Berlin writer tries to point out that the government is a constitutional monarchy as opposed to an autocratic one. He is in danger of losing majesty in such an assertion, as the Kaiser himself has expressly stated that his will is the sole law of the land and that it is the only will in the nation.

The German commercial papers feel very bitterly over the loss due to the United States of their South American trade, which amounts to \$337,000,000 a year. This trade has gone from them by the declaration of war by the South American republics against Germany.

"Put a uniform on a man, and no matter how old he is he becomes young again," says Maj. J. G. Stieve at Fort Leavenworth. It works in other ways too. Take a slacker and put a uniform on him, and no matter how worthless he has been he becomes a man again.

A Berlin newspaper is trying to mobilize the women to curse the United States as "the indirect cause" of the deaths of German men. Why take so much trouble when the direct cause is close at hand?

Mr. Edison's greatness is attested by the fact that although he invented a talking machine he practices the virtue of silence when working on some great war invention.

Probably a hundred years from now some old centurion will be telling the children that people walked with feet when he was a boy.

Carrying the "Star of Bethlehem"

THE Star of Bethlehem as seen in Holland is a pretty, but a cheap sight, for it costs nothing. 'Tis the harbinger of Christmas, a huge illuminated star, which is carried through the silent, dark Dutch streets, shining upon the crowding people and typical of the star which once guided the wise men of the east.

The young men of a Dutch town who go to the expense of this star, which is carried through the streets as a signal that Christmas has come once again, are swayed by the full intention of turning the Star of Bethlehem to account.

They gather money from the crowds for the poor, and, having done this for the good of those whom fortune has not befriended, they bequeath them to the head burgo-master of the town, who is bound to set down the youths who form the star company to a very comfortable meal. 'Tis a great institution, the Star of Bethlehem. In many Dutch towns and cities. And may it never die out, for it does harm to no man and good to many.

The Yule Log.

The ceremony of the Yule log, which is generally agreed by authorities to be traceable to the pagan rites which were performed at that season of the year before the coming of Christianity, was nevertheless the most joyous of the ceremonies observed on Christmas eve in medieval times.—New York Mail.

Laughter and Tears.

Laughter and tears, according to a recent book by Dr. George W. Crile, are two forms of the same mechanism—a human safety valve to prevent the results of emotion from injuring the body.

When a pedestrian slips on a banana peel and, just as he is about to tumble, recovers his equilibrium, the onlookers by laughing secure relief from the integration to run to his rescue. If he falls and hurts himself the onlookers run to his aid, thereby consuming the motor integration, and hence there is no laughter.

Badly Expressed.

During the regular pastor's vacation the sermons at a certain church were preached by well known ministers from other churches. A list of coming attractions was posted in the vestibule. One morning when making his announcements for the coming week the day's incumbent mislaid the slip containing the name of his immediate successor, but he supplied the information in this fashion:

"On the way out you will find the preacher for next Sunday hanging up in the vestibule!"—New York Times.

Room For Doubt.

The cuckoo clock had just chirped the half hour before midnight, and the girl in the parlor scene was weary.

"Mr. DeBorem," she said as she vainly attempted to strangle a yawn, "I heard something about you the other day that I'm sure is not true."

"Indeed!" he exclaimed. "What was it?"

"I heard some one say you were an easy going chap," she answered.

—Chicago News.

The Timid One.

An officer in the army, noted for his bravery, laughed at a timid woman because she was alarmed at the noise of a cannon when a salute was fired. The brave officer subsequently married that timid woman, and six months afterward he took off his boots in the hall when he came in late at night.—London Telegraph.

Honesty.

Every man takes care that his neighbor shall not cheat him. But a day comes when he begins to take care that he do not cheat his neighbor. Then all goes well. He has changed his market cart into a chariot of the sun.—Emerson.

A Notable Event.

"People often preserve the pens with which historical documents are signed."

"Quite so," said his wife. "I think I'll preserve the pen with which you signed that five dollar check you gave me the other day."—Kansas City Journal.

Not the Man.

Arduppe—My love for you, dear Miss Roxley, is like a consuming fire that burns everything in its path.

Miss Roxley—Then I fear it would be unwise to choose such a husband to handle my money.—Boston Transcript.

An Ancient Device.

For fifty-four centuries the shadoof, a type of sweep used by the Egyptians for raising water, has been in common use. Indeed, it is thought by some to have been an ancient device even 3,500 years before Christ.

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Oldest Candy In World Is Licorice. Most of the black licorice comes from Spain, where it is made from the juice of the plant and mixed with starch to prevent it from melting in hot weather. The licorice plant is a shrub about three feet high and grows wild where its roots can reach the water. It grows largely on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

As the valley of the Euphrates contained one of the earliest civilizations in the world, it is probable that licorice is about the oldest confection in the world and that the taste which boys and girls like so well today was enjoyed by the boys and girls of Babylon and Nineveh 3,000 years ago.—New York Mail.

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Advertising Pays

The Three Wise Men

ONE Christmas mystery remains unsolved. Who were the wise men of the east—the magi who followed the star of Bethlehem from afar to do homage to the newborn Saviour? It is fair to assume from the fact that the visitors were received at court by King Herod and that they carried gifts of value that they were in their own country men of royalty or close to it. Herod evidently deemed it well to treat them with deference, for disquieted though he was by their news of the comet that was to lead them to the birthplace of the Redeemer he dissembled and told them that when they had found the newborn he would return to worship with them.

Much of our information about the early days of the Christian era comes from the monks of the fourteenth century, who delved deeply into historical sources since lost to the world. Their story of the three wise men has received wide credence. According to these monks, the wise men were three great kings called Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Caspar was the oldest and from the north. At the time of the birth of Christ he was sixty years old, and for more than two-thirds of that time he had ruled in Arabia. Balthasar was black, a native of Saba, from the east, and forty years old. The youngest was Melchior, from the south, whose country was Tarsish. He was twenty years old.

Impelled by some mysterious power, they dropped all the cares of state and followed a single star thirteen days and nights, without eating or sleeping, till it led them to Jerusalem.

Then the story follows that of the Bible until they returned to their own countries.

The story does not stop here. It tells circumstantially the after life of the three wise men. The good Apostle St. Thomas journeyed to their country and baptized them, and all three went out to preach the doctrine of the Christ.

They were slain by barbarous gaudies, and later the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine, recovered their sacred bones and took them to Constantinople. Thence they were carried to Milan and finally found an ultimate resting place in Cologne, where they now are.—New York Post.



The little folks are talking—they talk like anything 'Bout Santa Claus a-comin' an' what he's goin' to bring. An' the mother never scolds 'em or tells 'em 'bout the noise. They're just the sweetest little girls, the best of little boys!

Because they know that Santa Claus knows every thing they do. An' while he's loading up his sleigh he's watchin' 'em too! An' them that minds their mothers, they gets the most of toys. They're just the sweetest little girls, the best of little boys!

They've just been writin' letters to Santa Claus each day. An' tellin' him just what they want an' shovin' him the way. To where the house is, so he'll know just where to leave the toys. For just the sweetest little girls, the best of little boys!

They're gittin' mighty anxious for the days an' nights to go. An' all of 'em are happy, an' they make their mothers so! 'Cause they're just the sweetest little girls, the best of little boys! —Frank L. Stanton in Atlantic Constitution.

Whats in the Bag for Us?



"A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

CHRISTMAS is the apotheosis of enfeeblement. It is the exaltation of childhood. It is the glory of the little child.

We celebrate this festival in bleak December, the uncrowned month in our northern zone, lighting its dull skies by the eternal fires of love in human hearts.

There is not in all this land a home where the rain beats through the roof, where the mother and father gather the children more closely to shelter them, but the Christmas truth is shining, "Blessed are the poor."

There is not a homeless boy who in the December night creeps out of the snow into an empty dry goods box in the alley, not a little fellow up under the rafters of the poorhouse on the county farm, not a foundling left in a basket at the rich man's door, not a shivering, tiny girl nudged for a fight with the storm, but the new truth of the Christmas spreads its wings over them.

"When I am weak, then am I strong." Who is weak? Who is infirm upon his feet and walks with a crutch? Who is afraid of the northeast wind? Who says "I am better; yes, I think I am getting better. But somehow I do not get my vigor back?" Who leans up against the bale of goods on the half hidden counter and knows that she came back to work too soon? Who was born blind? Who hears the unfeeling call for an iron will and has it not, for a tireless energy and confesses that he lacks it, though he prays to heaven for this force that others have?

To all of you the Christmas has its meaning. There never was a conqueror like the child in the cradle. God hath chosen the weak things to confound the mighty. For 2,000 years the history of the world's civilization has been the story of the gentler virtues, the poem, the song and the triumph of suffering well. The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong. Every letter of that sentence is eternally true.

The grandest things that were ever done on earth were done by men and women who had the spirit of the child. The sublimest work of the Creator is the sweet faced little child. It is everything for the child, heaven please—all harvests, all gold, all schools, all trade, all government, all the coming better times. Christmas means, "And a little child shall lead them."—Emory J. Hayne in New York World.

Few Christmas Toys Then. Throughout the colonies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries toys were an almost unknown factor, but wherever Christmas observances were not frowned upon by religion feasting and good cheer were abundant, and rich and poor, old and young, shared in the games, abundant food and genial atmosphere. In the eighteenth century toys began to make their appearance in the colonies. Some of them were brought from overseas and had the enchanting quality of novelty. Little girls who had helped to mother their younger brothers and sisters were delighted with dolls that were all their own, to fondle and coddle. A boy was a thing to be cherished in those days.—Churchman.

Christmas on Christmas Island. They never have any "white" Christmas on Christmas Island. The thermometer never falls below 70 and never rises above 90 in the shade. Christmas Island lies about 250 miles southeast of the western extremity of Java. It is in the Indian ocean and belongs to Great Britain, having been annexed in 1888. This interesting little bit of land in midsea appears to have been originally a coral reef, which by volcanic forces has been raised so high that at its highest point it sticks out of the water 1,600 feet. In shape it is an irregular quadrilateral. It has an area of about twenty square miles.

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Wishes to thank all its friends and patrons for its successful business during the year 1917.

We extend the season's greetings and trust that the New Year will bring peace and prosperity.

Wrangell, Alaska

CABLE NEWS

Monday, December 24

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN ITALY.—German concentrations on the Asiago plateau and the Lower Piave is admittedly for the same purpose, according to admissions of prisoners who say that the condition of their troops is so terrible that they must at all costs secure a line in the region of the Brenta and Piave valleys so that they will not have to endure the winter in the mountains.

PETROGRAD.—The Germans have advised the Swedish Embassy to warn Swedish subjects to leave Petrograd in view of the expected occupation of that city, according to reports circulated here.

BUENOS AIRES.—Only the utmost vigilance on the part of mounted troops prevented an outbreak of anti-German rioting during the past two days and nights.

PARIS.—General Pershing's men loaded a Christmas tree in one of the towns near the front for 600 French orphans.

PETROGRAD.—Trotzky in an address to the revolutionary organizations read documents and telegrams which he declared disclosed that Americans have been aiding Kaledines. He further charged that Ambassador Francis was using the Red Cross as a disguise to help Cossacks, and stated that if he did not beware the heavy hand of revolution would reach out after him.

THE HAGUE.—Dispatches from Berlin quote the kaiser as addressing the second army as follows: "We must bring peace by our iron fist and sharp edged sword. If the enemy shows that he does not want peace in spite of more than three years war and suffering we must show that our offensive spirit still exists."

THE EIGHT HOUR LAW

Section 1. That a period of employment for all wage earners and salary earners in the Territory of Alaska shall not exceed eight hours (8) within any one calendar day, except in cases when life or property is in imminent danger. Employment as herein used shall be construed as the performance of labor or services for any individual, partnership, association or corporation, whether the person performing such labor or service be a member of such partnership, or association or stockholder or officer of such corporation or not.

Section 2. Any person, persons, association or corporation who shall violate or cause to be violated any of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than One

Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the Federal jail not less than sixty days (60) nor more than six months (6), or by both such fine and imprisonment. Every day's violation of the provisions of this act shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 3. The Governor of the Territory is hereby given the power to suspend or modify restrictions contained in this law when such shall be requested by the Council of National Defense or the Secretary of the Interior, and such modification or suspension when made shall continue for a specified period and not longer than the duration of the present war, or during the continuation of any future war with a foreign power.

Section 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1918.

Approved May 3, 1917.

Local and Personal

Mrs. Jessie Card, who has been outside for some time, returned on the Jefferson.

The Red Cross requests that members who do not receive the Red Cross magazine call at the postoffice for same.

George Northrope came over from Petersburg to spend Christmas with the home folks.

Ed Grigwire's dandruff treatment is the best on the market. Try it and be convinced.

Mrs. W. J. Pigg and Master Henry Pigg were aboard the City of Seattle Monday en route from Petersburg to San Diego.

F. E. Gingress is now sole owner of the Wrangell Machine shop, and invites you to bring anything to him that needs fixing.

Bishop Crimont was aboard the Jefferson Sunday night en route to his home at Juneau.

I. E. Fisher and wife of Juneau took passage on the City of Seattle to Ketchikan after spending a week in Wrangell.

H. Herman went to Petersburg on the Jefferson.

J. L. Neville took passage to Juneau on the Jefferson Sunday.

The Arctic Brotherhood lodge at Petersburg has raised \$127 for "Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund."

For the shave and haircut of satisfaction go to Ed Grigwire's shop, opposite drug store.

For Sale—Two room cottage nicely furnished. Inquire of Oscar Carlson.

The first mail from Telegraph Creek to arrive in Wrangell this season via Atlin and Skagway reached here Monday on the City of Seattle.

M. E. Le Blanc, the insurance agent left on the City of Seattle Monday for Ketchikan.

Ernest Blue, deputy supreme dictator of the Loyal Order of Moose for Alaska, who paid the Wrangell lodge an official visit last Friday evening, left on the City of Seattle for his home at Ketchikan.

Have your watch repaired at George Cowan's, in the Uhler Block.

Mayor Matheson has received the following cablegram from Governor Strong:

"All aliens within the draft age should hold permits from the local board to enable them to leave Alaska."

The alien enemies must have a permit from the United States Attorney before they can leave Alaska.

"Subjects of Germany and Austrians without regard to declaration of their intention are classed as alien enemies."

Notice to Moose

Dues in the Moose lodge may be paid at the Sentinel office any day of the week.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I am the sole owner and proprietor of the business conducted by me under the firm name of F. Matheson, Wrangell, Alaska, with its stock of merchandise, cash, real estate, accounts and all other assets, and that no other individual or corporation is now interested in the net results of the operation of the said business either as silent partner or otherwise.

FARQUHAR MATHESON,
Wrangell, Alaska.
December 12, 1917.

After being four days on the way, the Vermont arrived from Tokeen last night with the following passengers: Roy L. Cole, G. Erlander, A. Hoper, Henry Njstrom, Philip F. Johnson, Otto Nicholson, A. C. Anderson, Harry Horn, Clyde Cagle, F. H. Burns, Frank Hundry, F. J. Tromblé.

N. M. Tate and Arthur Leonard are in town from Lake Bay.

Navigating between Wrangell and the West Coast has been hazardous the past week. The Myrtle H. and the Uncle Dan have both met with accidents. The Vermont arrived last night having left Tokeen on Sunday.

The Red Cross realized \$27 as a result of a sale of doll clothes last Friday afternoon. The sale was conducted by six little girls: Misses Katherine and Glenn Matheson, Irma Grant, Dorothy and Marjorie Johnson, and Etolin Coulter. Chocolate was served.

J. E. Evans has gone to Tacoma for a vacation.

The committee for the Red Cross Christmas drive have not yet completed their report. However, it is understood that more than \$500 was realized.

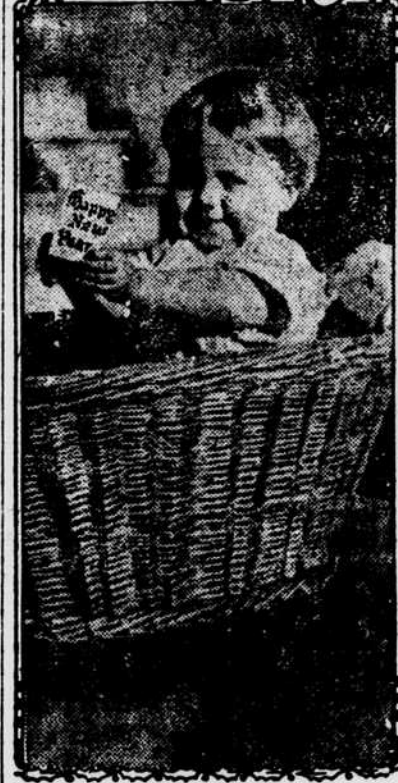
Fred Willson, manager for the Willson & Sylvester Mill Co., has gone to the States on a business trip.

The guild will meet on Wednesday, January 2, with Mrs. J. A. Peterson.

It is reported that the Jefferson will arrive in Wrangell early tomorrow morning.

The Native Sisterhood will give a basket social at the Rink tonight for the benefit of the Red Cross.

May all the
Year be Bright



A Song For the New Year.
A song for the New Year! Exultant its hours.
The dust of defeat hath not sullied its flowers.
But fancy hath dipped them in roseal dew,
And brought them, all blooming in beauty, to you!

A song for the New Year! A clarion strong:
Achievement through service, refreshment through song!
No mountain too mighty for faith to remove:
No labor too lowly, transfigured by love!
A song for the New Year! A message of joy:
May never a discord its music alloy!
But growing in sweetness and melody clear,
May it ever inspirit and strengthen and cheer!

—Ernest Neal Lyon in Reader.
Spice, All Right.
"Women are said to be the spice of life."
"You can't depend on the labels, though. I figured on getting cinnamon, but I got pepper." — Louisville Courier-Journal.

Pre-Inventory Sale

All Toys and Children's Holiday Goods left over from Christmas trade are now offered at cost, including several useful articles that are appropriate at any time such as toy trunks, one toy train, sad irons, chairs, games, etc. We have some real bargains. Come and look around before we have to remove them.

F. MATHESON
DEPARTMENT STORE

CABLE NEWS

Tuesday, December 25

AMSTERDAM.—Berlin dispatches say that the Kaiser, visiting the Verdun troops, told them but for the heroic valor of the Western troops the employment of German troops on the Italian front would not have been possible.

LONDON.—Allenby advanced on plain of Sharon in Palestine occupying four more towns.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Newlands died of heart failure.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Accused of being the Kaiser's arch plotter on the Pacific Coast Franz Schuelenberger is held while secret service agents probe clues that connect him, it is alleged, with plots to destroy shipping from all ports from Seattle to San Diego.

PETROGRAD.—News of a revolutionary plot against King Ferdinand of Rumania received at the Smolny institute.

STOCKHOLM.—Lenine, the Bolshevik premier, is preparing to flee from Petrograd according to information regarded as reliable received here. The power of the Bolsheviks is crumbling, while peace negotiations with Germany are apt to come to nothing.

ZURICH.—A franchise bill has been introduced into the lower house of the Hungarian parliament giving the vote to every Hungarian citizen, male or female twenty-four years of age. The bill also provides for the election of women to parliament.

LONDON.—Wholesale stocks men's civilian suits being commandeered for issue to soldiers on discharge from the army.

PARIS.—The Chamber of Deputies today adopted a resolution extending the terms of all elective officials until the end of the war. No election will be held in the meantime.

WASHINGTON.—The President and Mrs. Wilson remained at home all day. They had planned to go to church but rain kept them indoors. During the day a Christmas tree was lighted in the White House for the President's grandchildren.

Wednesday, December 26

BERLIN.—The war office announced that the Teutons suddenly stormed Codel Rosso and heights adjoining west and east between Asiago and Brenta rivers and took 9000 Italian prisoners, including 270 officers.

ROME.—In a desperate battle which lasted all day Monday the Italians fought their way back to positions from which they were forced on the previous day on the Asiago plateau under the Austro-German attack, according to today's war office statement. During the vicissitudes of the fierce struggle some batteries and many machine guns which had been left in the destroyed lines were recovered.

LITTLE ROCK.—Fred Fulton lost a bout here with Harry Tate of Oklahoma in the first round by the decision of Referee Haack who ruled that Fulton was using foul tactics.

PEKING.—Gilbert Reid, an American, accused of being a pro-German propagandist and sympathizer has been deported to Manila by the Chinese government.

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE.—Germans have begun their savagery against American soldiers, one of whom was found with his throat cut after capture, according to official announcement.

OTTAWA.—Stefansson has arrived with his party at Fort Yukon, according to word received by the Naval Department.

LONDON.—Today's dispatches from Petrograd all agree that the power of the Bolsheviks is waning. Among the causes alleged are general lack of authority, increases in drunkenness, reluctance of the population to work and scarcity of foodstuffs. It is stated that the main desire of the soldiers is for peace.

Holiday Goods

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